



# Carlsbad Police Department

## PRESS RELEASE

<b>Crime/Incident:</b>	Possession of stolen property; hit and run	<b>Case:</b>	10-0558
<b>Date:</b>	1-27 / 29-2010	<b>Time:</b>	1918 hours
<b>Location:</b>	5600 block Paseo Del Norte Carlsbad, CA		
<b>Suspect 1:</b>	Herrera, Juan M.	<b>Age:</b>	32
<b>Suspect 2:</b>		<b>Age:</b>	
<b>Victim 1:</b>	Banana Republic	<b>Age:</b>	
<b>Victim 2:</b>	Juicy Couture	<b>Age:</b>	

### Summary:

On Wednesday January 27, 2010, at about 1918 hours, Carlsbad Police responded to a call of several vehicle burglaries that had occurred recently in the 5600 block of Paseo Del Norte in Carlsbad, CA. As officers responded to the area to investigate further, one of them spotted a suspicious vehicle in the area, a white 4 door sedan occupied by 3 subjects. When the subjects observed the officers in the area, they left northbound on Paseo Del Norte at a high rate of speed. As the vehicle approached the intersection of Paseo Del Norte and Cannon Rd, it ran the red signal light, causing cross traffic to stop to avoid colliding with it and began travelling west towards the Interstate 5 freeway. The vehicle extinguished its lights and entered the freeway travelling northbound.

Officers attempted to catch up to the vehicle as it travelled recklessly on the freeway, still with its lights off and making dangerous passing movements and lane changes in an apparent attempt to avoid the officers.

Officers finally caught up with the vehicle just as it was exiting the northbound I5 freeway at Tamarack Ave. The vehicle failed to negotiate the turn at the top of the off ramp and spun out. The three occupants exited the vehicle and ran away as officers attempted to detain them. The vehicle, still in gear and mobile, began to slowly drive down the off ramp it had just come off of, and ran into a motorist who was exiting the freeway as well, causing minor damage but no injuries.

Officers gave chase to the fleeing suspects and managed to apprehend the driver, Juan M. Herrera of Chula Vista. With assistance from the Sheriff's helicopter, ASTREA, the remainder of the area was searched but only the driver was arrested.

On Thursday January 28th and Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>, further investigation by the arresting officer after a search of the impounded suspect vehicle revealed over \$2500 worth of stolen merchandise, consisting mostly of clothing stolen from (2) stores in the Carlsbad Premium Outlet stores, the "Banana Republic" and "Juicy Couture". Neither store was aware that they had been victims of commercial burglary until they had been contacted by police.

Herrera was booked on possession of stolen property, hit and run, reckless driving and resisting/delaying a peace officer.